

Graham Visits Storm Victims

Evangelist Franklin Graham toured parts of tornado-ravaged Alabama Saturday. The Samaritan's Purse president walked through rubble-filled neighborhoods in Tuscaloosa where 45 people were killed and nearly a thousand residents were injured.

During a stop at First Baptist Church, Graham delivered some encouraging words to a group of local volunteers. "You have been through a horrific storm," he said. "We know that Jesus Christ is the only One who can be our anchor in a time like this. He is our only strength."

Following Wednesday's tornado outbreak, Samaritan's Purse deployed two tractor trailers filled with emergency relief supplies to the devastated region. First Baptist Pastor Gil McKee said the large number of volunteers from Graham's organization was a welcome sight.

"We are delighted that Samaritan's Purse is here to partner with us," he said. "It is a blessing to work with an organization that puts the Gospel at the center of everything they do. We look forward to being the hands of Jesus to our neighbors."

Volunteers from Samaritan's Purse are expected to be in the hardest-hit areas of Alabama to assist with the clean-up for about six months.